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Quick Facts

- The concert will include performances by Winthrop music faculty members Tomoko Deguchi, Jill O'Neill and Janice Bradner.
- Parks, who came to Winthrop in 2001, has been a composer for 30 years.



Ron Parks

ROCK HILL, S.C. - To commemorate the 50th birthday of composer and Winthrop faculty member Ron Parks, the **Department of Music** will present a **special concert event** on Sept. 19.

"**Music of Ronald Keith Parks: A Celebration of His 50th Birthday**," which is free and open to the public, will be held at 4 p.m. in **Barnes Recital Hall**. **Parks**, associate professor of music, came to Winthrop in 2001. Throughout his 30-year career as a composer, he has written music for a wide variety of instrumental and vocal resources. Many of his compositions have garnered international recognition and widespread performances. His awards and honors include the Aaron Copland Award, the

Outstanding Junior Faculty Award at Winthrop University and the South Carolina Music Teachers Association Commission.

In addition, **Parks** has received commissions from numerous professional performance ensembles including the Out of Bounds Ensemble, the Charlotte Civic Orchestra, the Charlotte Symphony Composer in the Schools Project, the NeXT Ens, the Red Clay Saxophone Quartet, Duo XXI and many others.

The **Sept. 19 concert** will feature recent works written by **Parks** for piano, piano duet, piccolo and piano, bass flute and electroacoustic music. Winthrop faculty performers featured on the concert include Tomoko Deguchi, piano; Jill O'Neill, flute; and Janice Bradner, piano. For more information on **Parks'** music and career, visit his website.

For additional information about the concert, contact Deguchi at 803/323-2602 or deguchit@winthrop.edu.

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